

## WESTERLY DEMOCRATS IN CAUCUS

Arthur Briggs Nominated for Senator—Andrew Farrell and Gordon P. Cottrell, the Choice for Representatives—Judge Williams Continues Case of George H. Simmons—Elisha H. Chesebro, Highway Supervisor for Stonington—Suspicious Find in Bradford Woods.

Judge John W. Sweeney of Westerly, clerk of the senate committee on judiciary, discussed the issues of the present campaign with special reference to the candidates named by the state central committee for the republican state ticket, at the city convention in Pawtucket Monday evening. Judge Sweeney stated that he brought greetings from the republicans of Westerly and joined with them in the wish that candidates nominated in Pawtucket may be successful at the polls. He paid a compliment to the republican party in Pawtucket and said that, like Westerly, it can be made a democratic stronghold by the office, and under the redistricting system there is even better chance to keep up the custom.

Judge Sweeney declared that the republican party was the party of progress, and that in order to secure a continuation of that progress it was necessary to continue republican senators and representatives in Washington, republican members of the general assembly and to keep republican officers in charge of city affairs. He lauded the candidates-to-be on the state ticket and the present republican delegation from Pawtucket, and asked support for the entire ticket named by the party from governor down to school committeemen.

The finding of a dagger, cloth mask, light slouch hat and pair of overalls in the woods at Bradford by Louis Turner, and delivered to Police Chief Thomas E. Brown, may serve as a clue that will lead to the detection of the men who held up and robbed David McG. Newall of \$1,200 while on the way to pay off the men employed at the granite establishment in Bradford.

The dagger, which surely resembles the one pointed at Mr. Newall's heart, is made from a half-round file, the handle being retained, and the leather sheath is a part of the covering of the side ribs of a top buggy. This would indicate that the weapon was made in the country, and perhaps convenient to a village blacksmith shop. The mask was probably made from a piece of kid jacket. It is a crude affair, a square piece of cloth with eye holes and held on the head by an elastic band. The hat is similar to the regulation army fatigue hat, while the overalls are blue and considerably worn.

Legal decision having been given that Stonington has voted against license, there will be no liquor saloons in the town at the expiration of the present license year. It is asserted, however, that this legal action will not prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in the club rooms in Pawtucket, Stonington and Westerly, unless drastic measures are taken in regard to these places provided liquor is sold in violation of law. Some of these places have open bars and are patronized just as a public barroom, the only restriction being that patrons must be enrolled members of the clubs or friends of members.

It is asserted that the vote against license was not carried wholly by prohibitionists and temperance extremists, but with the substantial assistance of club members, whose club membership is impaired by the licensed saloon. It is claimed that the licensed saloon dealers have tail coaches and the conduct of these clubs and that they, or their friends, intend to do the opposite of returning good for evil and will pay these clubmen back in their own coin. Prior to the election, the prosecuting authority of the town made a declaration that if the town voted no-license there would be no public or semi-public drinking places in the town.

During the past year the saloons in Pawtucket have been conducted in an orderly way and in strict compliance with law; not one of the proprietors has been suspected of violating the law and there has been no disturbance in any saloon in the village that attracted the attention of police officers.

The regular bi-monthly session of the Western probate court, Judge Edward M. Burke, was held Tuesday afternoon. Charles H. Tucker was appointed administrator of the estate of Emma B. Tucker, the personal part of which will not exceed \$500. Bonds of \$500 were furnished with Charles H. Cressall surety. There is a balance of \$150.46 and order for distribution was issued, that \$150.16 be paid to Emma E. Thompson, widow, and \$30.30 to Alexander C. Thompson, guardian of James E. Thompson, minor son.

Alexander J. and Enid S. McColl, minor children of James and Eugenia McColl, petitioned that their mother be appointed guardian of their separate estates. The petitions were granted and the guardian furnished bonds of \$1,500 in each case, with James McColl and John Currie sureties. Lafayette V. Kenyon, Frank H. Cordier and John P. Vars were appointed appraisers.

Alexander C. Thompson, administrator of the estate of Burrill M. Thompson, presented his first and final account, which was approved and ordered recorded. There is a balance of \$150.46 and order for distribution was issued, that \$150.16 be paid to Emma E. Thompson, widow, and \$30.30 to Alexander C. Thompson, guardian of James E. Thompson, minor son.

Otis H. Chapman and Frederick P. Babcock, administrators of the estate of Harris D. Chapman, presented their

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first and final account, which was examined, approved and ordered recorded. The inventory of the estate of Abby A. White was received and ordered recorded. The court then adjourned to convene in special session next Friday.

On a warrant sworn out by Sheriff John R. Wilcox, charging murder against Blenheim Cravens, the accused was arraigned before Judge Nathan B. Lewis of the Second district court. The prisoner is charged with fatally shooting John Brigham, a Wakefield farm hand. He pleaded not guilty and was committed without bail to the Washington county jail for a hearing next Monday.

Cravens is a Pole, but can speak in broken English. He declared to Judge Lewis that he did not shoot Brigham. He insisted that he had worked only a few days in Wakefield, and that previously he had been employed at the School for Feeble Minded at Exeter, R. I.

Rev. J. W. Ford, of the First Baptist church, Westerly, and Rev. Mr. Van Horn of the Seventh-day Baptist church, Ashaway, were the speakers at the quarterly meeting of the Westerly societies of Christian Endeavor, in the Congregational church, Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance and plans were made for effective work during the coming winter.

Elihu H. Chesebro, for the past seven years superintendent of highways for the town of Westerly, has tendered his resignation to the road committee of the town council to take effect November 1. He has been appointed the new highway supervisor for the town of Stonington, which was offered him by the newly created board of road commissioners for the town, the selection being relieved from that special department of town work. Mr. Chesebro was in the employ of the road department for several years before being appointed superintendent to succeed Frederick T. Mitchell.

George W. Bicknell, freight agent for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co., in Providence, was robbed of \$100 while on his way home Monday night. He met two colored women, one of whom claimed to be very sick, and Mr. Bicknell assisted her to nearby doorsteps, while the other woman apparently assisted in the relief of her companion. When Mr. Bicknell reached home he discovered his loss and made the fact known to the police without delay, giving good description of the two women. Mr. Bicknell is brother-in-law of Thomas E. Brown, chief of police of Westerly. The woman suspected of the crime was arrested Tuesday in Boston. Mr. Bicknell went to that city last night to identify the suspect.

There was a caucus of the democrats of Westerly Tuesday evening, to nominate a candidate for state senator, and for members of the general assembly from the First and Second representative districts. The caucus was a matter of form and an exhibit of fealty to party, as democrats are never elected to the general assembly from Westerly.

The democratic caucus for the nomination of senator was called to order by Andrew Farrell of the town committee. The caucus organized by the selection of Dwight M. Cornell as chairman, and Howard L. Bentley, secretary.

Arthur Briggs was unanimously nominated for senator. John A. Farrell was elected chairman of the town committee. This caucus was then adjourned and the first district caucus was held with Dwight M. Cornell as chairman and Howard L. Bentley as secretary. Andrew Farrell was nominated for representative for the First district. Arthur Briggs was elected chairman of the district committee and these members—John Donovan, Charles E. Cornell, Howard L. Bentley and Dwight Cornell. The first district caucus then adjourned.

Immediately after, the Second district caucus was held, Horace Swan being elected chairman and Bernard Christy secretary.

Gordon P. Cottrell was nominated for member of the general assembly from the Second district. The district committee was chosen as follows: Horace Swan, chairman; Bernard Christy, Charles Dowd, Sheldon Hoar and William D. Babcock. The general town committee was authorized to fill vacancies.

The caucus then adjourned.

Local Laconics.

Harry Burdick who recently purchased the Welch stables, has sold the business to Arthur D. Swan.

The delegates from Westerly to the republican state convention in Providence will leave on the 8:15 train this (Wednesday) morning.

Already applications have been prepared for appointment as superintendent of highways, to succeed Elihu Chesebro, who has been appointed superintendent of highways for the town of Stonington. The salary is \$800 a year, but the superintendent is required to furnish himself with a horse-drawn or motor vehicle.

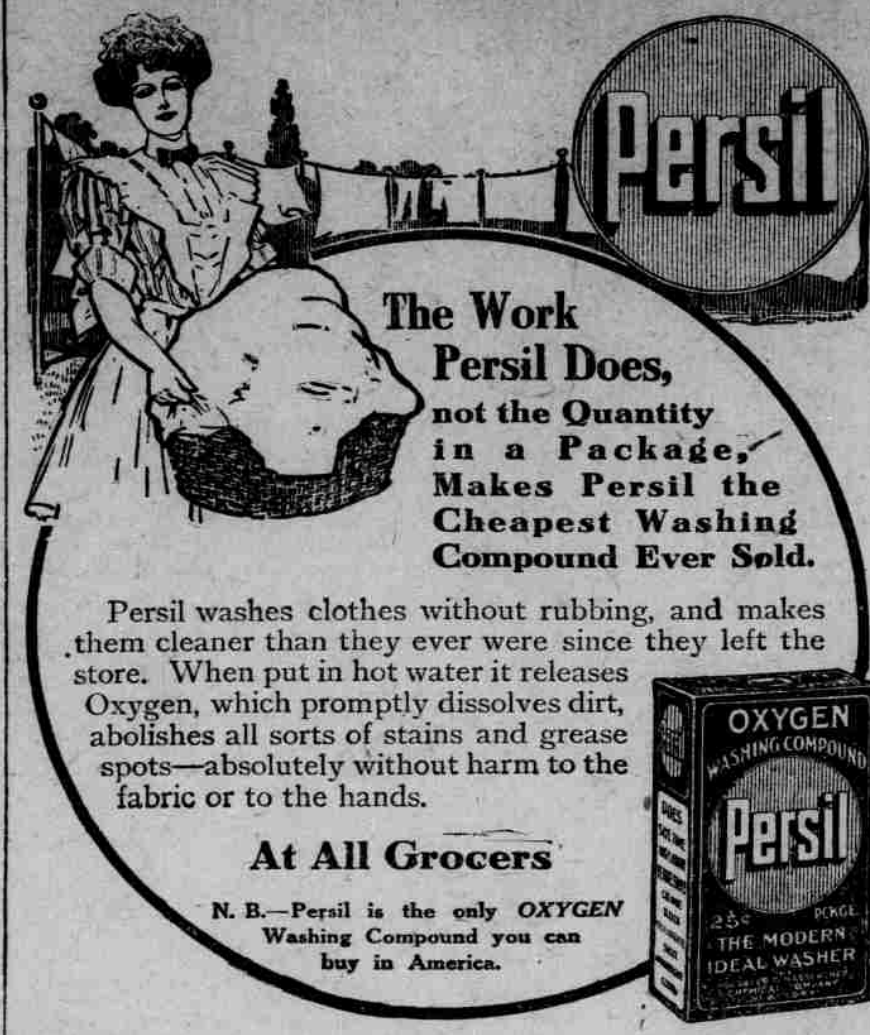
Miss Mae McDonough has returned to Providence after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Duhamel.

Conrad Kretzer was in Willimantic Tuesday, attending the grand lodge session of the A. O. U. W., as a delegate from the local lodge.

Mrs. Charles Stoddard and daughter, Miss Grace Stoddard, are visiting Mrs. Jane Percey in New York. Mrs. Savage has returned to her duties as bookkeeper in W. L. Maine's store after three months' illness. J. Amer Geer is confined to his home with the grip.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rippel, who have been spending their honeymoon



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To Go West.

Mr. and Mrs. David P. Wolfe and son Roy are visiting in Waterbury and expect to leave soon for the west to benefit Mr. Wolfe's health. Leonard Clift has returned from a three weeks' stay in Preston.

Mrs. Mary Esther Gallup of Ledyard is visiting her nephew, Charles Stoddard.

Van R. Wheeler has returned to his home in Providence, after a visit to John Forsythe.

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